GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Production of Bio-Diesel
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated capacity of production of bio-diesel in the country during each of the last three years and the current year ;

(b) whether there is shortfall in the production of bio-diesel in the country;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor;
(d) the various kinds of cess levied on bio-diesel including basic cost/cess/total cost;
(e) the production target fixed for biodiesel for the next three years; and
(f) whether there is any proposal to further increase the same in the coming years and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL , NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY & MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) : The country has an installed capacity of about 1.2 Million tonnes per annum of biodiesel production. Up to June, 2016, about 1.32 Crore Litre biodiesel (B- 100) has been procured by Oil Marketing Companies for blending with diesel. The non-availability of tree borne oil seeds on regular basis is main problems for production of biodiesel.
(d) : No cess is levied by the Government of India on Biodiesel. Further, biodiesel is presently fully exempted from central excise duty.
(e): The biodiesel production target is not decided in the country.
(f) : There is no proposal for increasing the biodiesel production target in near future. However, various steps taken by Government of India for development of biofuels in the country include; (i) announcement of the National Policy on Biofuels in the year 2009 for promotion and utilization of biofuels. Indicative target for biofuels including biodiesel blending by the year 2017 is 20 % ; (ii) promotion of various tree borne oilseeds for oil extraction for edible and industrial uses; (iii) Allow biodiesel sale by private manufacturers to bulk consumers; and (iv) Continuous support from Ministries of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Environment, Forests & Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Rural Development; and Science & Technology for various research and development on different aspects of production and enhancing the biodiesel availability in the country.
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